Marina Had Denied Gun, Oswald's Mother Says

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Marguerite Oswald testified yesterday that her daughter-in-law, Marina, told police on Nov. 22 that the weapon presumably used to assassinate President Kennedy "did not look like" the rifle owned by Lee Harvey Oswald.

The testimony given by his mother before the Presidential Investigating Commission was passed on to reporters by Mark Lane, New York attorney retained by her to represent her son.

Lane accompanied Mrs. Oswald to her second day of testimony, but was not admitted to the proceedings.

Lane sent two questions into the hearinig room for Mrs. Oswald to answer. The first dealt with the type of custody in which Oswald's wife, mother and two children were held after the assassination; the second with Marina Oswald's statements to her mother-in-law late on Nov. 22, after Oswald had been taken into custody.

His intent, Lane said, was to demonstrate that the 22-year-old wife of the former Marine sharpshooter had been "brainwashed" while under the Government's protective seclusion.

The older Mrs. Oswald said Marina was taken to police headquarters on the afternoon of the assassination, and later told her mother-in-law:

"Momma, they asked me if Lee owned a gun, and I told them, 'yes'."

The older woman then said Marina told her the police showed her the Italian-made carbine found on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository in Dallas, where Oswald worked, and asked if that weapon was Oswald's gun.

The daughter-in-law's reply, as quoted by the older woman, was: "Momma, I told them I did not think so, because it did not look like Lee's gun."

In her four days of testimony last week before the Commission headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren, the young widow testified that the weapon now in FBI custody was, in fact, the weapon that Oswald bought by mail order in March and kept at their home.